

# 2011 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Energy

## 2. Fiscal Year

2011

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

73634

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

06/15/2010

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

03/11/2011

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

EO 13543

## 8c. Actual Term Date

03/11/2011

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

## 11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

EO 13543

## 13. Effective Date

05/21/2010

## 14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

## 14c. Presidential?

Yes

## 15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

1

## 16b. Report Date Report Title

01/29/2011 Deepwater - The Gulf Oil Disaster and the Future of Offshore Drilling

## Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

## 17a. Open 3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root causes of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, fire, and oil spill, and options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future.	10/13/2010	10/13/2010
Inform the Commission about the progress of the Chief Counsel's investigation into the Macondo well blowout. The Commission will hear a presentation from the Chief Counsel and statements from industry and academic experts. The Commission will also have the opportunity to hear from representatives of companies involved in the events leading to the blowout.	11/08/2010	11/09/2010
To discuss relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root causes of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, fire, and oil spill, and options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future.	12/02/2010	12/03/2010

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

Current FY Next FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$2,709,049.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$1,575,409.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$34,275.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$121,425.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$742,293.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$5,182,451.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	21.83	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee will be examining the relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root causes of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and developing options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future. This may include recommending improvements to federal laws, regulations, and industry practices.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The committee members have expertise in enviromental issues, engineering, and offshore energy development. In addition, several were involved in dealing with aspects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Members have experience in the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal governemnt as well as business, non-profit organizations and academia.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee is required to meet not less than once a month. The meetings will be a major source of information about the impact of the oil spill and potential ways to mitigate the impact of future offshore drilling.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Committee is required by Presidential Order, EO-13543. The Committee recommendations are considered important to the nation's ability to produce offshore oil and natural gas safely with minimal environmental impact.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

## 21. Remarks

This Commission terminated due to their Executive Order and they completed their report.

### Designated Federal Officer

Christopher Smith Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Natural Gas

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Beinecke, Frances	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Natural Resources Defense Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Boesch, Donald	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garcia, Terry	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	National Geographic Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Graham, Bob	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Former US Senator and former Governor of Florida	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Murray, Cherry	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reilly, William	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Aqua International Partners, LP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ulmer, Frances	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	University of Alaska Anchorage	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 7**

### Narrative Description

The committee supports the Office of the President of the United States mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States by assessing how domestic offshore oil and natural gas drilling can be made safer and less environmentally impacting, while providing needed energy for the US.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

The Committee is expected to make recommendations regarding improved processes and regulations for offshore oil and natural gas drilling. These are not expected to result in any cost savings.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

34

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The commission developed 34 recommendations covering various topics related to offshore oil and gas exploration and production activities on Federal lands. Federal agencies named in these recommendations are: U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, U.S. Department of Homeland Security – U.S. Coast Guard., U.S. Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, White House Center for Environmental Quality, U.S. Department of Energy, Trustees for Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Dispute Resolution, U.S. Department of the Interior – Office of Inspector General, U.S. Geological Survey, National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, National Science Foundation, White House National Ocean Council

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

## **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

## **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

## **Agency Feedback Comments**

The committee terminated shortly after submitting its report with recommendations to the President.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Action Comments**

A number of Federal agencies were named in the Commission's recommendations

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

## **Grant Review Comments**

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Access Comments

no comment